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to buy the small quantities they required only from merchants who sold at high prices. He requested that the order might be modified.

Dewan's reply.—The change was introduced for the good of the people. The Sirkar has no objection to the old practice of selling salt by fractions of a maund being revived if that would be advantageous to the people. In fact orders have already been issued to that effect.

75. *Abolition of cocoanut oil tax.*

Mr. Avirah Varki Tharakan (Member, Shertallay Taluk) requested that the cocoanut oil tax might be abolished as the mode of levy of the tax and the commutation rates at which it was being realized pressed hard on the people. The tax was peculiar to the Shertallay Taluk and was not levied in other Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—The tax will be abolished at the Settlement.

76. *Subjection of Kudipullithanathu to Ottivilakkom.*

Mr. Krishnan Karthavu (Member, Shertallay Taluk) represented that the people felt it a grievance that *Kudipullithanathu*, *Adimaper* and other tenures should be subjected to the process of *Ottivilakkom* at the present Settlement. The lands were entered in the Ayacut in the names of the original alienors as "Jenmom" and no *ottivilakkam* had taken place in cases of alienation in the past.

Dewan's reply.—The matter will be considered in the Settlement Department.

77. *Loans of money by Government.*

The same member requested—

that the Sirkar might grant to the people, on the security of immovable property, loans of money at low interest and thus aid them in improving their agricultural operations, manufactures and industries.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered.

78. *Amendment of Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.*

Mr. Chakko Thommi (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation stood in urgent need of amendment in regard to the realization of renewal fees by the Jenmis. The fees were regulated by the amount of the *kanom* and not by the nature and condition of the holding.

Dewan's reply.—If it is desired that the Regulation should be amended, a formal proposal may be made for the consideration of the Legislative Council.

The member further requested—

79. *Reduction of tax on punja lands left fallow.*

that the tax on punja lands left fallow in alternate years might be levied at fifty per cent. of the assessment. Now the full amount is levied when the land is cultivated and remitted when left fallow.

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